

REMARKS

This Amendment, filed in reply to the Office Action dated December 15, 2006, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9-34 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1, 4, 7, and 19-34 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagasaka *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,697,090, hereinafter “Nagasaka”) in view of Fredlund *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,666,215, hereinafter “Fredlund”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as follows.

With regard to claim 1, Nagasaka and Fredlund fail to teach or suggest each feature of the claim. For example, claim 1 recites displaying input fields for inputting print quantities corresponding to the thumbnail image or the thumbnail images.

Nagasaka relates to a system in which a user drags and drops a digital camera category icon onto a printer category icon, and an application unit 112 detects the drag and drop action. See abstract. The application unit 112 gains access to a server, and obtains data regarding the names of individual digital cameras and the names of individual printers present on a network and corresponding icons, out of pieces of information stored in a common database 410. *Id.* The application unit 112 subsequently opens a digital camera category window and a printer category window on a screen, based on the obtained data, and causes device icons of the digital cameras and device icons of the printers to be displayed simultaneously but in separate windows. *Id.*

Fredlund discloses a system for remotely selecting and ordering photographic prints. In Fredlund, digital image files belong to a customer are first sent to a mass storage device 28, along with a customer order number and a unique customer identification number. The customer can then access low resolution imagerettes 28 of his digital image files contained in the mass storage device 28 through a personal computer 42 by using appropriate identification. Col. 4, lines 45-50. On the display of the personal computer 42, the low resolution imagerettes 28 are displayed in a column 52. Col. 5, lines 16-18. The customer can then drag-and-drop selected imagerettes from the column 52, one at a time, into a display area 56, and specify desired services for the digital file corresponding to the imagerette 28 displayed in the display area 56. Col. 5, lines 38-46, and Fig. 3.

In Nagasaka, the system allows the user to a digital camera category icon onto a printer category icon, and thus choose a printer conveniently.

In Fredlund, the display area 56 immediately displays the image that has been dragged-and-dropped onto it. In addition, in Fredlund, the display area 56 merely displays one image at a time. Therefore, when a newly selected image is dragged-and-dropped onto the display area 56, the display area 56 can only display the most recently selected image.

Neither Nagasaka nor Fredlund teaches or suggests displaying input fields for inputting print quantities corresponding to the thumbnail image or the thumbnail images. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable.

Because claims 4, 7, 28, 30 and 32 recite features analogous to those given above with respect to claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are patentable for at least reasons similar to those given above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 19-27, 29, 31 and 33-34 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies.

Claims 2-3, 5-6, and 8-18 are rejected under 35 § USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagasaka in view of Fredlund and Jackson *et al.* (US Pub. No. 2002/0105658 A1, hereinafter "Jackson").

Claims 2, 5 and 8 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, the rejections of claims 2, 5 and 8 are moot.

Because Jackson does not cure the deficient teachings of Nagasaka and Fredlund given above with respect to claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3, 6 and 9-18 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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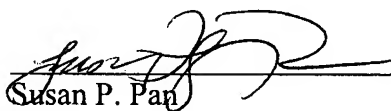
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